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Classified By: Samuel C. Laeuchli, Charge d'Affaires, for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

C/NF) Charge delivered reftel demarche to Minata Samate/Cessouma, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs equivalent, and Vincent Zakane, Director of the Cabinet at the Ministery of Foreign Affairs on 17 May. While Samate/Cessouma and Zakane were sympathetic to the U.S. position, they said that it might be difficult to get Security Council action on the case because there were no clear security implications to the case, and that this was primarily a human rights issue. Charge pushed back arguing that the lack of democracy and human rights in Burma had stability and security implications not only for the country but for the region as well. Burkina Faso would support a P-5 consensus, they said, but it would be likely that Russia and China would make progress difficult.

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